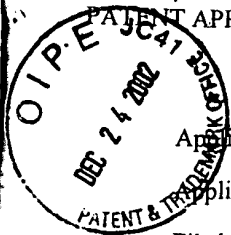


PATENT APPLICATION



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Applicants: Jordan J.N. Tang and Arun K. Ghosh

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated June 17, 2002 for three (3) months from September 17, 2002 to December 17, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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